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OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

A preliminary investigation pertaining to an officer involved shooting reveals the following: On March 23, 2007, at approximately 11:51pm, San Antonio Police were called to the Blockbuster Video Store located at Judson Rd. and Nacogdoches Rd. for a "robbery in progress". The caller said that three men with hooded shirts walked into the video store and were armed with guns. An off-duty SAPD officer happened to be in the area and responded to the call. When the off-duty officer arrived, he saw Blockbuster employees lying on the floor of the store. The off-duty officer relayed that information to the responding on-duty officers and waited for their arrival. Moments later, Officer Christopher Garrison, a 5-year veteran, and Officer Spenc Jones, a 2 ½ year veteran, arrived at the scene. When the officers arrived, they saw three Black males exiting the Blockbuster. At least one of those males was armed with a handgun. Officer Garrison and Spenc verbally ordered the men to stop, but instead all three fled on foot towards the rear of store. Officer Garrison and Spenc pursued the suspects on foot, and as they did, one of the suspects turned towards the officers and pointed the handgun at both officers. Both officers, fearing for their lives, fired their several weapons towards the suspect and subsequently struck him. The suspect went down to the ground as the other two suspects fled the scene on foot.

EMS was called to the scene and pronounced the suspect dead at the scene. The other two suspects were subsequently discovered hiding in two separate locations by the SAPD helicopter unit and responding officers.

It was determined that the Blockbuster was in fact being robbed as the officers arrived. No one inside the Blockbuster was injured by the suspects. The off-duty officer did not fire his weapon.

The suspects will be identified once next of kin is notified and formal charges are filed.

The San Antonio Police Department's shooting Team is handling the investigation and will submit their findings to Police Chief William P. McManus and the Bexar County District Attorney's Office. As per policy, Officer Garrison and Officer Jones will be placed on administrative duty while the investigation continues.

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